

RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB

Seventy-First
Annual Report
and
Balance Sheet

SEASON 1955



RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB

Founded 1884



Entered League 1903

Premiers V.F.A.	1902, 1905
Runners-up	1901, 1903, 1904
Premiers V.F.L. 1920, 1921, 1932, 1934, 1943	
Runners-up 1919-24-27-28-29-31-33-40-42-44	

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HARRY DYKE, PRESIDENT.

BILL TYMMS, Secretary.

RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB

OFFICE-BEARERS, SEASON 1955

PRESIDENT:

H. J. Dyke, Esq.

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

M. J. Bolger, Esq.; R. H. Dunn, Esq.; Senator P. J. Kennelly; F. E. O'Brien, Esq. (resigned 14/2/55); M. Oppy, Esq. (elected 21/2/55); W. G. Pitt, Esq.; Senator J. M. Sheehan.

COMMITTEE:

Messrs. C. Callander (Proxy for H. Lingwood-Smith, Hon. Secretary), L. J. Goring, B. McCormack (elected 6/6/55), C. E. Priestley, P. H. Rowe (resigned 23/5/55), L. Sinclair (Proxy for P. C. Langdon, leave of absence, ill), J. Titus.

Players' Representatives on Committee:

A. Cooke, D. Rowe, R. Wright.

Richmond Cricket Club Representative on Committee:

Mr. D. Goodson.

Club Delegate to Richmond Cricket Club:

Mr. C. Callander.

Richmond Second Eighteen Representative on Committee:

Mr. J. Joyce (Proxy Delegate, Mr. L. Ford)

Club Delegate to Richmond Second Eighteen:

Mr. L. J. Goring.

Victorian Football League Representatives:

Messrs. H. J. Dyke and W. A. Quinn.

Chairman of Committees:

Mr. R. H. Dunn.

Auditor:

Bruce Doig, Esq., Chartered Accountant (Aust.).

Hon. Medical Officer:

Dr. P. L. Grogan.

Hon. Physiotherapist:

Mr. John Stanley.

Timekeeper:

Mr. W. Stanbrough.

Assistant Timekeeper:

Mr. L. Langdon.

Coach:

Mr. A. Pannam.

Captain:

Mr. Des Rowe.

Vice-Captain:

Mr. R. Wright.

Training Room Staff:

Messrs. I. Booth (Head Trainer), J. Evans, F. Hegarty, R. Jordan, R. Julier, L. McDonald and W. McDonald.

OFFICE-BEARERS (Continued)

Property Steward:

Mr. C. Callander.

Asst. Property Steward:

Mr. H. Tomison.

Door Steward:

Mr. J. Chandler.

Boot Studder:

Mr. A. Moore.

Asst. Boot Studder:

Mr. P. Pearce.

Players' Property Steward:

Mr. H. Jackson (resigned 25/5/55), Mr. H. Tomison (appoint. 6/7/55).

Hon. Transport Officer:

Mr. W. Hall.

Committee Room Stewards:

Messrs. L. Goodman and K. Pritchard.

Selection Committee:

Messrs. J. Titus (Chairman), H. J. Dyke (resigned 5/6/55), B. McCormack (appointed 6/6/55), A. Pannam, C. Priestley, D. Rowe (Proxy Delegate R. Wright).

Finance Committee:

Messrs. R. H. Dunn (Chairman), M. J. Bolger, H. J. Dyke, H. Lingwood-Smith, W. G. Pitt, W. A. Quinn.

Executive Committee:

Messrs. R. H. Dunn (Chairman), M. J. Bolger, H. J. Dyke, H. Lingwood-Smith, W. G. Pitt, W. A. Quinn.

Honorary Treasurer:

Mr. W. A. Quinn, 3 Coane St., Ormond, S.E.9 (LW 3075).

Honorary Assistant Secretary:

Mr. M. J. Bolger, 74 Railway Rd., Carnegie (UL 3361).

Honorary Ticket Secretary:

Mr. W. G. Pitt, 140 Glenhuntly Rd., Elsternwick (LF 7634).

Honorary Social Director:

Mr. W. G. Pitt.

Honorary Social Secretary:

Mr. C. E. Priestley.

Returning Officer:

Mr. S. A. Wilkes.

Honorary Secretary for Season 1955:

Mr. H. Lingwood-Smith, 317 Nepean Highway, East Brighton (XM 2555).

Secretary:

W. J. Tymms, 47 Strathalbyn Street, East Kew (appointed 15/8/55).
(Phones: Ground—JB 2222; Residence—WL 5163)

RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

will be held in the

MELBOURNE TOWN HALL

on

WEDNESDAY, 30th NOVEMBER, 1955, at 8 p.m.

Admission by presentation of 1955 Season Membership Ticket or Invitation Card.

BUSINESS

To confirm Minutes of Annual General Meeting, Season 1954.

To receive Annual Report and Financial Statement, Season 1955.

Election of Office-Bearers.

Presentation of Life Membership, Ten and Five-Year Certificates.

Presentation of Trophies.

To deal with any other business of which necessary notice has been given in accordance with the Rules and Constitution of the Club.

Musical Programme.

In accordance with the Constitution of the Club, the following Office-Bearers retire through effluxion of time, and are eligible for re-election:—

President: Mr. H. J. Dyke.

Vice-Presidents (2): Mr. W. G. Pitt and Mr. M. Oppy.

Committee (2): Mr. J. Titus and Mr. P. C. Langdon.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE-BEARERS, SEASON 1956

President:

Mr. H. DYKE

Vice-Presidents (two required):

Messrs. W. PITT and M. OPPY (unopposed)

Committee (two required):

Messrs. J. TITUS and C. CALLANDER (unopposed)

Annual Report of the Committee of Management, 1955

To the Members of the Richmond Football Club,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with pleasure that your Committee of Management submits for your consideration and approval the Annual Report for Season 1955. The Report and Financial Statements, together with the various lists and statistics, as set out for your perusal, cover in full the Club's activities since the last annual report.

Season 1954 closed on an optimistic note and so, when training commenced for season 1955, an advancement by the team was expected. Between-season losses in Max Oppy and Bill Wilson set the Club back somewhat, but it was thought that the new material available would bridge these two gaps to a reasonable degree. The pre-season training and early selection of the List for 1955 gave rise to the feeling that expectations would materialise.

In the first game of the season against Essendon a high standard of football was maintained, but the game was lost through inaccuracy in kicking for goal. Losses to Footscray, last year's Premiers, at Footscray and Geelong at Geelong followed and we were faced with the unenviable position of being three down. First victory came in the game against South Melbourne and the return of form gave hope of more victories. The next two matches against Fitzroy and North Melbourne were unexpected losses and set the team a very big handicap to extricate themselves from a lowly position on the premiership list. A good victory was recorded against St. Kilda, but, in the following match, good fortune did not favour us and after a very exciting tussle we lost to Hawthorn by two points. A magnificent effort against Melbourne thrilled the vast crowd of over forty thousand at the M.C.G. on the Queen's Birthday holiday. We looked as if we would be the first team to topple the redoubtable "Demons" but lapsed unexpectedly in the last few minutes of play. With renewed confidence, we tackled Collingwood, but all to no avail. Following this defeat, our stocks had slumped again.

A good win against Carlton was offset by a loss to Essendon. The latter game was marred by our usual inaccurate display of kicking for goal. To this date the team had been faced with the problem that some members were unable to strike form while others were notable for inconsistent displays. Changes in team placing were tried in order to correct the drift. The plans and hopes and the infusion of new vigor and vitality brought startling results. The team found its true form and scored convincingly against Footscray. This started Richmond's victory march and in weekly succession the colours of Geelong, South Melbourne, Fitzroy, North Melbourne and St. Kilda were lowered to Richmond.

These six successive victories brought our Club to sixth position on the Premiership List. It was a great pity that our run was not commenced a few weeks earlier as we would undoubtedly have reached the Final Four and would have been strong contenders for the Pennant.

It is pleasing to report that, throughout the season, an excellent spirit was prevalent in the clubrooms. Players, officials and staff all co-operated in their endeavours to bring the Club back to its rightful position. Social activities during the year helped greatly and the details later in the Report will give an insight into the personalities associated with the Club in its very wide and varied interests.

OUR VICE-REGAL MEMBERS

His Excellency, Sir Dallas Brooks maintained interest in "his Tigers" and it was with great pleasure that we welcomed him three times to our ground to witness matches. Lady Brooks also honoured us by coming along with His Excellency to one of the earlier matches.

On his visits Sir Dallas moves among the players and nothing will induce him to take his place in the stand until he has heard the coach address the players.

During her visit an autographed Club football was presented to Lady Brooks to convey to her grandson, Christopher. Mrs. Robin Byrne's letter of thanks on behalf of Christopher and her well wishes for the success of the "Tigers" were keenly appreciated.

Members were informed in last year's report that His Excellency Sir Dallas Brooks, besides being our number one member, is an Honorary Life Member. Lady Brooks is also a member of our Club.

OUR PRESIDENT

Sixteen years as President is a record to be proud of and we as a Club look at that record with pleasure in acknowledging the worth of Harry Dyke for his outstanding and successful service during that time. In addition, Harry's service to the Club extends over many more years when he served in other offices before his appointment as President.

In our President we have a man who is very active in the Club interests and we are indeed fortunate that he can put so much time at the disposal of the Club. It can be safely said that there is not one day in the week, and it is a seven-day week, that Harry does not do something to benefit the Club. He is a most regular attender at the Clubrooms and meetings, he maintains close touch with all activities and his close association with the players meets with their unqualified approval. Not only is Harry sought after for advice and direction on official matters, but he also never fails to give the same good service to players and members in their private lives.

As an administrator, Harry is held in the highest regard by all associated with the Club and this is also manifest at the Victorian Football League where he represents us and serves on various sub-committees.

Our President gave another year of outstanding service, being diligent and constant in the performance of the many duties that his office entails. The Club has been on the up grade the last two seasons and much of the credit of its flight to re-establish itself as a power in the football world must be given to Harry. Many players and the junior clubs in our District have cause again this year to be thankful to him for the financial support he has rendered by way of trophies and donations.

It seems inadequate to express appreciation to our President. Harry is always actuated by the advancement of the "Tigers" and not reward and gain for himself. We take this medium of the Annual Report to say "thanks a lot."

CLUB MEMBERSHIP FOR 1955

For the first time in many years a different note can be written into this part of the Report under Club Membership. The previous Secretary was not alone in being mystified why such a Club as Richmond with its large following had, in comparison, a small number of members purchasing membership tickets. The concern was shared by every official in the Club.

Consequently, it is with considerable pleasure that we report a decided increase of membership, both adult and junior. The membership for 1955 reached 4,452 adults and 794 juniors.

This substantial increase was brought about by several factors and the new members are welcomed to the fold. It is felt that our prospects for next season will ensure the retention of membership by all present members and in addition will induce other supporters to take out membership tickets in 1956. Club membership has direct benefit both ways. It is a substantial cash saving to the purchaser and a bigger benefit to the Club over cash taken at the turnstiles since this cash has to be shared with so many other interests.

To our Ticket Secretary, Bill Pitt, and his helpers at the grounds and to our business supporters, who act as agents, we say congratulations on a successful effort and please accept the Committee's thanks for your practical support.

HONORARY TREASURER

To another official, who has for the year worked hard and successfully, we tender our very best thanks. Our Treasurer, Bill Quinn, serves the Club in more offices than one. He represents the Club on the Victorian Football League, sits on several of the League's sub-committees, particularly the Finance, serves on our own Executive and Finance Committees, renders considerable assistance to the Social Committee, finds time to do some recruiting for the Club and then caps his performances by carrying out the office of Treasurer in a very proficient manner. The ramifications of treasurer-ship in a League Club at the present day would amaze the uninitiated. It is necessary to keep finance books and records in a manner prescribed by the V.F.L. and at the same time render exacting service to the large number of players and staff on the payroll.

In 1955 with the temporary appointment of an Honorary Secretary extra duties were allotted to Bill and he has been able to absorb these duties without impairing his efficiency in any way.

Members are respectfully referred to the financial statements in the centre of this Report and with the application of a little thought, it will be readily realised what a Treasurer's position is today. We are fortunate at having Bill Quinn at our financial helm.

DELEGATES TO THE VICTORIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

For another year we were fortunate in having Harry Dyke, our President, and Bill Quinn, our Treasurer, as Delegates to the Victorian Football League. References to these two gentlemen have already been made earlier in this Report and under this heading it only remains to be recorded that we have excellent representation at the League.

Both men are respected by all Clubs for their fairness and administrative ability and frequently their opinions are sought in relation to the affairs of other Clubs. Both share the duties on the numerous sub-committees of the Victorian Football League and we are grateful to them for the time they devote in preserving the interests of our Club and, at the same time, furthering the interests of football in general.

On the odd occasion when either could not attend a League meeting, Bill Pitt served capably as proxy-delegate.

CLUB EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

With the retirement of Frank O'Brien and the subsequent appointment of a new Chairman of Committees, together with the retirement of Maurie Fleming, the composition of these two Committees was changed. This year the important work was entrusted to Messrs. Ray Dunn (Chairman), Martin Bolger, Harry Dyke, Hec. Lingwood-Smith, Bill Pitt, and Bill Quinn.

Another year of judicious handling of the Club's affairs is reflected in the healthy finances and staple position of the Club. Our football policy and finance recommendations emanate from these two Committees and constant, careful watching of the numerous large problems as well as smaller details is essential. The resulting advancement of the Club and its present flourishing condition is largely due to the successful operations of these Committees.

Despite the rising costs of materials and football gear, we are able to finish with a credit balance and to the members of these two Committees our thanks are offered.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

At the start of the year Messrs. Harry Dyke (Chairman), Alby Pannam (Coach), Charlie Priestley, Des Rowe (Captain), and Jack Titus were appointed to carry on their important work from where they finished the previous year. During the playing season our old player, Basil McCormack, who had returned to reside in Victoria and had been taking an active interest in the Club, was invited to join the General Committee and also the Selection Committee. It was felt that an old player, still such a student of the game and very keen to further the interests of the Club, would be an acquisition. Harry Dyke retired from the Selection Committee to make the move possible and with Basil's appointment, the Committee then comprised Messrs. Jack Titus (Chairman), Basil McCormack, Alby Pannam, Charlie Priestley, and Des Rowe.

The Selectors were very busy early in the season and their efforts resulted in the usual large number of starters being quickly culled out to the teams appropriate to their ability. This cleared the way for more attention to the Senior players and the recruits showing most promise.

From the start of the season the Selectors were, however, faced with the problems of some players not playing up to their practice form, finding correct positions for other players and trying with the aid of the Coach to eradicate the inconsistent performances of others.

In the earlier matches of the season the team did not show results commensurate with its ability and, in an endeavour to lift the side, the Selectors had necessarily to experiment at times. Club fellowship within the rooms was not lacking, but consistency and team work failed to develop on the field. It was not until July, with the season well advanced, that the team struck its true form culminating in six successive victories.

Members of the Selection Committee gave every attention possible to their task and are to be commended for the manner in which they performed their duties.

As usual the services of Colin Austen, Second Eighteen Coach, were available at every Selection meeting. His concise reports, backed with many years of experience, were most reliable and solved quite a number of selection problems throughout the season. Combined with the reports submitted weekly from Len Dockett, Third Eighteen Coach, and Keith Hearn, Honorary Coach of the Fourth Eighteen, the Selectors had before them a comprehensive picture of the ability of all players in your Club. The subsequent promotion of players is guided by these reports and undoubtedly the teams of tomorrow will be built as a result of this development of our Tigerland nursery.

To all who were associated with the Selection Committee we offer the thanks and appreciation of the Committee and members.

VICE-PRESIDENTS AND COMMITTEE

Due to the complex general problems that confront League Clubs at the present day and the particular problem of accommodation that exists in your own Club, it is sheer necessity that capable business men and administrators must represent the members as Vice-Presidents and Committeemen.

We are indeed fortunate that we are in the happy position of possessing that representation. The varied business experience and football consciousness of your elected members is unequalled by any other Club.

The positions of Vice-Presidents are capably occupied by Martin Bolger, Ray Dunn, Senator Pat Kennelly, Max Oppy, Bill Pitt, and Senator Jim Sheehan. All can claim a long association with the Club in various capacities and all have served with unswerving loyalty. Senators Pat Kennelly and Jim Sheehan have rendered able contributions in all discussions and have helped tremendously in recruiting and other outside activities. As in previous years, Ray Dunn has been a tower of strength in the legal administration of the Club and we owe a deep debt of gratitude to Ray for his sound and constructive advice. Martin Bolger continues in the capacity of Assistant Secretary and like his confrere, Max Oppy, typifies that spirit of loyalty that never dies in the old players of this Club. Bill Pitt was appointed Ticket Secretary and Director of Social Activities. In both spheres his conscientiousness, courtesy and hard working attention to details were always in evidence.

With Committeemen of the calibre of Charlie Callander, Les Goring, Basil McCormack, Charlie Priestley, Percy Rowe, Les Sinclair and Jack Titus, our Club is indeed fortunate. Charlie Callander needs no introduction and the immense amount of work he performs must be seen to be fully appreciated. Les Goring is an efficient businessman who represents us on the Second Eighteen Committee. Les is ever ready to help with recruiting and any other problem that might arise. In Jack Titus, Charlie Priestley, Basil McCormack and Percy Rowe we have a magnificent representation of old footballers whose interest in the game will never wane. Unfortunately Percy was forced to retire on account of ill health, but a grand substitute in Basil compensated for this loss. As Social Secretary, Charlie Priestley has been untiring in his efforts in arranging many successful entertainments throughout the year. Jack Titus, the Peter Pan of football, has been well in evidence with his knowledge and ability in anticipating the requirements of our players on the field and in the training room.

COACH FOR 1955

For the third year in succession Alby Pannam was appointed as Coach. Taking into account the long hours that Alby worked in the weekly training sessions he was entitled to expect better results throughout the season. Alby works on the very good principle that practice makes perfect and he certainly did everything in his power on the practice field to turn out a well trained side. It is probable that many of our younger recruits, who will provide the nucleus of future premiership teams, will owe their improvement in technique and play to the special training and coaching of Alby.

The bad luck that dogged the side in the early part of the season was enough to dampen the ardour of any coach, but Alby stuck manfully to his training plan and was rewarded when success came his way with six successive victories in the latter half of the year.

Colin Austen co-operated with Alby on training nights and frequent discussions on the faults and failings of various players invariably proved of value. In future, co-operation and conferences between all coaches will be regarded as a necessary adjunct of all teams playing with the Club.

To Alby the Committee and members express thanks for a job well done.

CAPTAIN AND VICE-CAPTAIN

Des Rowe was selected by the Committee as Captain for the fourth successive year, while Roy Wright was entrusted with the position of Vice-Captain.

Both players carried out their duties with pronounced success and the younger players under their care will undoubtedly benefit from the experience and knowledge of these two stalwarts. Congratulations to Des on his selection as Captain of the Victorian Interstate Team—an honour well deserved. Associated with Des, we also offer our congratulations to Roy Wright and Ray Poulter on Interstate selection.

During the visit of the Victorian team in Adelaide and the consequent absence of Des and Roy, Jimmy Deane and Geoff Spring were appointed Captain and Vice-Captain respectively and celebrated their appointment in a very convincing victory over Footscray.

THE PLAYERS

Our thanks are tendered to all players of the four Eighteens for the loyal service rendered to the Club during 1955. The growth of the Tiger spirit amongst the younger players is a source of great satisfaction and augurs well for the future of the Club. Furthermore, the spirit of co-operation has been unequalled for many years and will be a potent factor towards another Yellow and Black pennant.

For 1956 the recruits will be hand-picked and the Committee has spent considerable time in ensuring that many young and promising players will be at the disposal of our Club when training commences. Particular attention will be given to the development of district players and as three premierships have been won by district clubs it will be readily agreed that the potentialities in this sphere present great possibilities.

TRAINING ROOM STAFF

The very high standard set by the trainers and staff of previous years has been maintained, if not excelled, by our present staff.

Under the control of the Head Trainer, Jim Booth, we have a very competent and capable band of workers in Jim Evans, Frank Hegarty, Ray Julier, Ron Jordan, Len McDonald and Bill McDonald. They have the complete confidence of the players who co-operate very well with them.

We extend to them our thanks for their conscientious service throughout the season and, in doing so, we would like to include Alby Keyhoe, Head Trainer of the Second Eighteen, and his stalwart co-helpers in Stan Edwards, Bert Matthews and Jack McNamara.

That smiling, cheerful and efficient personality, Charlie Callander, once again functioned as Property Steward and needless to say the players wanted for nothing in the training room with Charlie in command. Congratulations to this Tiger on his continued appointment as Steward to the Victorian Interstate team. We are very proud of Charlie in Tigerland.

Harold Tomison is an able lieutenant to Charlie and his loyal help is greatly appreciated. Alan Moore (boot studder), and his assistant, Peter Pearce, Bill Stanbrough (honorary timekeeper), Ken Pritchard (steward) and Jack Chandler (door steward) are sincerely thanked for their respective efforts towards the smooth functioning of the Club.

HONORARY DOCTOR AND PHYSIO-THERAPIST

The genial personality of our Honorary Medico, Dr. P. L. Grogan, coupled with his efficiency and unremitting attention at all times make it a pleasure to be associated with him. Mr. John Stanley, our Honorary Physio-Therapist, is unsparing in his efforts towards the quick recovery of injured players. His quiet confidence and practical advice are highly appreciated.

The Committee, players and members owe a deep debt of gratitude to these two professional men and we extend to them our special thanks.

BEST AND FAIREST

During the year your Committee approved of the erection of an honour board to be known as the Harry Dyke Trophy. This board will contain the names of our best and fairest players for each season. The honour this year goes to our Captain, Des Rowe, and is a very fitting reward for his tireless and consistent play throughout the season.

Although favourite for the Brownlow Medal, Des did not secure this coveted award. However, he received some compensation by winning the "Sporting Globe" award and the Pelaco Oscar for the best and fairest player in the Victorian League.

Congratulations Des and may the coming year be even more successful.

THE J. D. LANGDON TROPHY

A well merited win is recorded for Herb Sawatzky as the Cub's best player. Never showy, but always effective, Herb played solid and consistent football for the Second Eighteen. Congratulations on a grand year, Herb, culminating in an excellent display in the Grand Final.

THE J. J. SMITH MEMORIAL TROPHY

The outstanding player in the Third Eighteen was Bill Hall and his consistent play throughout the year wins the trophy in that Eighteen. Congratulations, Bill.

BILL COSGROVE MEMORIAL TROPHY

The winner of the best first-year player trophy, donated by Harry Dyke, was Ron McDonald and this award will be unanimously approved by all members. A grand high mark, a good turn of speed and a long driving kick are features in his play and will carry Ron a long way in senior football. Ron has come to stay and will be one of our stars for many years.

LIFE MEMBERS FOR SEASON 1955

Three grand players in Ray Poulter, Des Rowe, and Roy Wright have qualified for ten-year certificates and we are confident that the members will approve the action of the Committee in recommending the appointment of these players as Life Members of our Club.

Typical of many other former players, they have rendered yeoman service in the past ten years and Tigerland is proud of them.

Congratulations, Ray, Des and Roy.

FIVE-YEAR PLAYERS

Two good clubmen in John Ritchie and Frank Ryan earn five-year certificates and celebrated their award by assisting the Cubs in the second successive premiership. A grand effort John and Frank and congratulations to you both.

RICHMOND CRICKET CLUB

We take this opportunity to express our appreciation of the co-operation and harmonious relationship existing with our cricketing Tigers. In particular, we extend our thanks to Jim Cook, President; Percy Maybury, Secretary, and Noel Baragwanath, Treasurer, for their help throughout the year.

Dave Goodson, the R.C.C. delegate to our Committee, is a worthy representative and it is a pleasure to be associated with him.

Might we express the hope of an Olympic Premiership for our Tiger counterparts and may our footballers make it a double event.

RICHMOND SECOND EIGHTEEN

Once again Cubs—good work—congratulations, and now make it three in a row!

Under the efficient guidance of President, Bob Knapp; Coach, Colin Austen; Treasurer, Frank Keon; and genial Honorary Secretary, Jim Joyce, the Cubs have again won their laurels. The second premiership in succession was the culmination of efficient team work and loyal co-operation.

The Semi-Final and Grand Final definitely confirmed the superiority of the Cubs and victory celebrations were prepared long in advance of the final siren.

Congratulations to Colin Austen on his selection as Captain of the Victorian Combined Second Eighteen and to Herb Sawatzky and Johnny Claxton, selected in the same side.

OUR THIRD AND FOURTH EIGHTEENS

Len Dockett was again appointed coach of the Third Eighteen and was responsible for another fine job. The lads under his care are certainly a credit to his coaching and it is anticipated that many junior players will graduate to higher ranks in consequence of his tuition. Wally Hall and John Yewers left no stone unturned in furthering the interests and well-being of the side.

Another hard luck story for Keith Hearn, Coach; and Stuart Hemmerde, Manager, in the Fourth Eighteen. Beaten by a point in the Grand Final was a bitter disappointment, but cheer up Keith and Stuart as we are sure that the premiership will eventuate in 1956. Your magnificent work must ultimately meet with success.

OUR DISTRICT JUNIOR FOOTBALL

The policy of co-operation with the Junior District Clubs and the consequent harmony existing between them and the Senior Club has been developed throughout the year and a very extensive campaign has been planned for the coming season. The encouragement of Junior Clubs by financial assistance, lectures and visits will be continued and every avenue will be exploited to render them potential training mediums for the advancement of future senior players.

The system of the interchange of young players proved successful and of mutual benefit to all concerned. We are happy to record the annexing of premiership by Richmond Districts in the Metropolitan League, Richmond Y.C.W. in the C.Y.M.S. competition, and the Richmond Scouts in the Melbourne Boys' League, and congratulate these three teams upon their well earned victories.

In particular we extend our congratulations to Bill Brown, the popular Secretary of the Richmond Districts, whose untiring efforts over many years has, at least, been crowned with success. In addition we congratulate Les Amery of the same Club on his personal success in winning the Clota Medal, the equivalent of the Brownlow Medal in the Metropolitan League.

CLUB PROVIDENT FUND

The Players' Provident Fund is in an excellent financial position and players are thoroughly appreciative of this excellent saving medium as a reward for their loyal service to the Club. A sum of £704 was passed by the Finance Committee for allocation to the Fund and this will be placed to the credit of the players eligible to participate.

DONORS TO CLUB FUNDS

While the donations did not reach the high level of 1954, it is nevertheless pleasing to report that donations for 1955 reached the very satisfactory total of £889. We are particularly grateful to these generous people and the sincere thanks of the Club is extended to each donor with the hope that their loyal support will be continued in 1956.

DONORS OF TROPHIES TO PLAYERS

Our sincere appreciation and thanks is given to those generous supporters who so liberally contributed trophies and donations to the players. Their support is very welcome and the players desire to express their appreciation.

During the season special trophies were provided by loyal patrons and, in consequence, we gratefully acknowledge donations by the following: Messrs. Harry Dyke, Ray Dunn, Jim Sheehan, Pat Kennelly, Jack Titus, Bill Pitt, Max Oppy, Charlie Priestley, Martin Bolger, Hec. Lingwood-Smith, Alby Pannam, Dr. P. Grogan, John Stanley, Les Goring, Max Reddy, Arthur Dummett, Theo Lewis, Joe O'Shea, Bob Brady, M. Wheate, Tom Coombe, E. Cooke, Joe Pettinato, Kevin Blake, T. Hamilton, J. Jacobs, L. Board, J. Walker, W. J. Riley, Jack Barry, Len Goodman, Bert Palmer, P. Meadows, Denis Quigley, Ron Brood, George McHutchison, J. Ryan, Roger David, Dick Harris and Mrs. Gregory.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Under the capable leadership of Bill Pitt (President) and Charlie Priestley (Secretary) a very energetic committee controlled and organised the social activities of the Club. We owe a deep debt of gratitude to these untiring workers for the harmony that exists in our Club today. The many functions arranged were all well attended by the players and committeemen and considerably improved personal relationships in Tigerland. Many thanks to Bill and Charlie for a very fine effort.

Social games were played against St. Kilda past players and, later in the year, against Fitzroy. Both of these games did a lot socially for the Club and our thanks are due to both St. Kilda and Fitzroy Clubs for their help and co-operation in these games.

Once again our Annual Ball was held at Ziegfeld Palais. It was a pronounced success and each year it grows in importance as a social medium of introducing the players to our members.

As usual Kia Ora Sports Parade was held in the Melbourne Town Hall and the huge crowd of supporters in attendance demonstrated that this is one of the most enjoyable functions of the season.

RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB—INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT, SEASON 1955

EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
Team Maintenance:—			Membership:—		
Players' Allowances, Sustenance, Lost Time, etc.	£3,120	14 8	Sale of Tickets:		
Coach and Training Staff	836	1 4	4,452 Adult Tickets at 25/-	£5,565	0 0
Richmond Football Club 2nd XVIII. ...	969	9 1	794 Scholars' Tickets at 7/6	297	15 0
R'mond 3rd XVIII., Richmond Junior League and Junior Club Expenses	392	9 0		£5,862	15 0
Materials, Training Requisites	686	10 6	Less Levy paid to V.F.L.	124	7 6
Medical Supplies and Expenses	180	16 3		£5,738	7 6
Transport and Car Hire	73	18 0	Richmond Cricket Club Membership Payments	972	10 0
Recruiting Expenses	89	12 3	Donations	889	12 6
Refreshments, Entertainment, etc.	1,118	16 2	Gate Receipts:—		
		£7,468 7 3	Matches—Home Ground	£2,327	8 11
			Matches—Other Grounds	2,575	7 2
			Practice Matches	38	3 8
					4,940 19 9
Administration Expenses:—			Share of Second Round Proceeds:—		
Annual Meeting Expenses and Hire of Halls	£115	18 3	Finals	£2,039	7 4
Printing and Advertising	724	2 2	Less V.F.L. Levies	692	8 7
Telephone, Telegrams, Postage	170	11 4			1,346 18 9
Secretarial Salary and Expense Allowance	505	8 10	Broadcasting Rights		50 0 0
Ground Management	361	9 6	Bar and Liquor Rights		350 0 0
Maintenance, Club Rooms	237	9 8	Catering Rights		175 0 0
Presentations, Donations, Hospital Appeals, etc.	321	7 11	Interest Received		52 15 6
General Expenses	65	19 10	Taxation Provision written back		150 0 0
Photographs and Plaques	82	19 6			
Wreaths and Flowers	17	5 0			
		2,602 12 0			
Honoraria		1,008 15 0			
Trip, Players		2,341 3 3			
Club Blazers		150 13 0			
Club Badges		101 7 3			
Players' Provident Fund, Grant 1955		704 0 0			
Commission on Sale of Tickets		15 4 0			
Delegates' Fees		2 2 0			
Payroll Tax		18 4 5			
Depreciation, Furniture and Fittings		55 7 11			
Surplus to Accumulation Account		198 7 11			
		£14,666 4 0			£14,666 4 0

RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB—BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st OCTOBER, 1955

LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
Current Liabilities, Sundry Creditors			Current Assets:—		
Accumulation Account:—			English, Scottish and Aust. Bank Ltd. £4,251	17 4	
Balance, 1/1/55	£6,378	5 10	State Savings Bank, Trip Fund	19	8
Add Surplus Season 1955	198	7 11	Accruals, Interest	3	5 0
		6,576 13 9		£4,256	2 0
			Investments, Commonwealth Treasury Bonds	1,400	0 0
			Fixed Assets:—		
			Furniture, Fittings, Office Machines, 1/1/55	£400	19 5
			Add Additions	155	8 6
				£556	7 11
			Less Depreciation	55	7 11
					501 0 0
			Deferred Assets, V.F.L. Club Trust Account	433	1 6
		£6,590 3 6			£6,590 3 6

RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB PLAYERS' PROVIDENT FUND, SEASON 1955

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, 12 Months ending 31st October, 1955

RECEIPTS		DISBURSEMENTS	
To Balance, State Savings Bank	£1,678 6 9	By Payments to Player, W. Wilson	£314 9 6
„ Interest:—		„ Balance, State Savings Bank	2,136 12 2
Commonwealth Loan			
Bonds	£46 17 6		
State Savings Bank	21 17 5		
	68 14 11		
„ Grant, Richmond Football Club, Season 1955	704 0 0		
	<u>£2,451 1 8</u>		<u>£2,451 1 8</u>

PROVIDENT FUND BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st OCTOBER, 1955

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
Participants' Credits and Interest	£3,636 12 2	Commonwealth Loan Bonds, 1,500 3½% 1963	£1,500 0 0
	<u>£3,636 12 2</u>	State Savings Bank of Victoria	2,136 12 2
			<u>£3,636 12 2</u>

DIGEST OF SALES OF 1955 MEMBERSHIP TICKETS

Sales—Adults	4,452	As issued by Printer:—	
Unsold—Adults	925	Adults	6,000
Donors, Life Members, Complimentaries, etc.	623	Scholars	1,250
Sales—Scholars	794		
Unsold—Scholars	379		
Donors and Complimentary Tickets sent local schools and Boys' homes	77		
	<u>7,250</u>		<u>7,250</u>

The President and Members,
Richmond Football Club,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have to report that I have examined the Accounts and Transactions of your Club for period ended 31st October, 1955. I have been advised that the Club did not, at the 31st October, 1955, have any liabilities other than those shown in the above Balance Sheet.

I have pleasure in reporting that in my opinion, the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and correctly sets forth the true position of the Richmond Football Club at the 31st October, 1955, according to the information and explanations afforded me and as shown by the books of the Club.

14th November, 1955.

BRUCE W. L. DOIG, Chartered Accountant (Aust.), Auditor

The Mayor of Richmond, assisted by Cr. Coloretto, again organised a carnival for the entertainment of the players and supporters, and our special thanks are due for this grand evening.

Our appreciation is extended to the trainers who organised a special Sunday morning function and our special thanks to Max Reddy, Tom Campbell and the Victorian Banjo Club Boys who freely gave their services in entertaining the Club on this, as well as a number of other Sunday mornings.

The Annual Cricket match against the Richmond Cricket Club was well attended and resulted in a win for our Tigers.

A golf day at Woodend was well patronised and despite the inclement weather a large number of players participated in the various events.

A most interesting Sunday morning was held at the rooms when Bill Palmer brought several well known boxers to give exhibitions to the Tigers. Many thanks Ambrose Palmer, Pran Mikus, and all the other boxers who provided such grand entertainment. Des Rowe and Ray Poulter displayed their prowess with several rounds of spirited sparring.

Our charity efforts helped to raise £1,200 for Prince Henry and Inglewood Hospitals while the Helping Hand and the Spastic Children Appeal also received assistance from the Club.

During the year a number of social gatherings with the Cubs and the Richmond Cricket Club brought officials and players into closer contact and consequently provided a better basis for harmonious working in the various problems confronting the Clubs.

A picnic day and a football match against the Navy at Flinders Naval Depot proved a very successful outing. Glorious sunshine and congenial hosts were contributing factors towards a thoroughly enjoyable day.

On Sunday, 22nd May, a re-union of old players was held in the Richmond Pavilion. The oldest players present were George Parkinson and Frank Huggard, while other stalwarts in Jack Dyer, Maurie Hunter, Tom O'Halloran, George Smeaton and Ray Martin were noticed amongst those gathered for the re-union. A musical programme was tendered by Tom Campbell and his boys, assisted by Stan Stafford.

APPRECIATION

During the season we become indebted to many members and supporters for their help, co-operation and advice as well as financial assistance, and this is of untold value to the Club. Naturally in compiling an Annual Report we may inadvertently omit the names of some people whose activities help our Club and our players in many ways. If that should happen we take this opportunity of submitting our humble apologies for that omission, but we assure them that their services are very much appreciated and we look forward to their continued interest and support.

We also extend grateful thanks and appreciation to the following:

The ladies and gentlemen who assist us each season by selling membership tickets and, in particular, Eric Hossak and Charlie Phipps for their efficient efforts on our behalf.

Arthur Dummett for his help in providing transport for players in addition to his very generous donations throughout the year.

Harry Dyke for his magnificent donation of £200 towards the Club Funds.

The staff and officials of the Victorian Football League for their unfailing courtesy combined with their co-operation and assistance throughout the season.

The Press and their sporting writers for their help in publishing news of the Club and its activities and their general efficiency in providing excellent coverage of all League games. In particular, special thanks to Alf Brown and Bob Buchanan ("Herald"), Kevin Hogan and Rex Pullen ("Sun"), Percy Beames ("Age"), Ben Ker-ville ("Sporting Globe"), Percy Taylor, Peter Banfield and Ken Moses ("Argus"), and Bill Cathie of the "Football Record."

The commentators of the various Radio Stations for their broadcasts and their comments which placed our Club well to the forefront of the listening public during the season.

The sponsors of the various radio sessions in Fred Hesse Ltd., Heinz Products, Kia Ora Products, London Stores, Pelaco Ltd., and Roger David, and on behalf of the players a special appreciation of the many gifts received by them from these sponsors.

Joe Pettinato (Florina Cafe) for his consideration and co-operation given so ungrudgingly.

Judge Mitchell for his invitation to the players and officials and a very enjoyable evening as guests of the Trotting Control Board.

CONGRATULATIONS

On behalf of the Tigers, congratulations are extended to the following:

The Melbourne Football Club upon its meritorious and well earned success in winning the premiership for 1955. Congratulations also to Norman Smith (Coach) and Noel McMahon (Captain).

Collingwood, Geelong and Essendon Clubs on reaching the Final Four.

Fred Goldsmith on his performance in winning the Brownlow Medal—the first full back to gain this honour since the inception of the award.

The Cubs on their second successive premiership in the Second Eighteen competition.

Des Rowe, Ray Poulter and Roy Wright on gaining Interstate honours.

HOBART TRIP

Under the capable managership of Hec. Lingwood-Smith twenty-four players and officials left Essendon Aerodrome at 7 a.m. and flew to Hobart to participate in a match against Hawthorn. The match, played in aid of the Spastic Children's Treatment Fund, was a huge success financially.

Following a good plane trip, the party was met by the Hobart Football Club officials and taken by coach on a sight seeing trip to the Signal Station (Mount Nelson), Brown's River and Kingston. After this very pleasant interlude, we were the guests of the Hobart Club at an excellent dinner at McLaren's Hotel.

The match was played at the Showground before a crowd of 16,000 people and a hard fought game was witnessed. Our atrocious kicking for goal was responsible for a narrow defeat.

After the match we were entertained at a buffet tea in the pavilion and after speeches by the various officials were driven to the plane for the journey back to Essendon.

Our special thanks are due to our hosts, the Hobart Football Club, for their generosity and co-operation throughout the whole

of our stay in Hobart; to Tom D'Alton, Chief Organiser of the trip; and to Ken Moses of the "Argus" for his very efficient help and attention to detail.

BRISBANE TRIP

The party consisting of forty-five players and officials left Melbourne on Sunday, 18th September, and returned on Sunday, 2nd October. It was unanimously agreed by everybody on the trip that this visit to Brisbane was the best of its kind ever attempted by our Club. A combination of grand sports, good fellowship and congenial company were undoubted factors in its success.

Our appreciation and thanks are extended to the Manager, Hec. Lingwood-Smith, for the efficient manner in which all details were carried out and for the smooth running of a very well planned itinerary. Hec. was ably supported by Bill Quinn.

The bright sunshine and glorious beaches were certainly features of our visit, but above all must be counted the warm welcome and generous hospitality of the Queensland Australian National Football League and its many supporters.

In particular we thank Mr. and Mrs. Frank Foulis, George Healy, Reg Rye and Harry O'Callaghan for their very special efforts for our entertainment.

Highlights of the visit were a hamper picnic to Brisbane beaches including Southport, Surfer's Paradise and Coolangatta, a river trip to Lone Pine and a boat trip around Moreton Bay. In addition, the evenings were well provided for with dances at Sandgate and Coopers and culminating in a grand finale at the Cloudland Ballroom on the last night of our visit.

Two matches were played against Fitzroy and, although we fielded an unbalanced side on each occasion, we made each game quite interesting only to be narrowly defeated at the finish.

Presentations were made to Hec. Lingwood-Smith and Bill Quinn in recognition of their sterling work and as a memento of another grand and successful Richmond Interstate Tour.

OBITUARY

We extend our sincere sympathy to the relatives of the under-mentioned old players who died recently and whose memories will well be recalled by the old timers who still remain with us: Charlie Williams and Bucky Hill.

We also extend our sympathy to the relatives of Roy Russell, Secretary of the Footscray Football Club, who passed away while still actively engaged in his duties. Roy was a State Selector and a grand administrator in our National game.

SECRETARY'S APPRECIATION

In compiling my first Annual Report for the Tigers I feel that I cannot let the occasion pass without expressing my personal thanks to Hec. Lingwood-Smith who has borne the burden of the Secretarial work for most of the season. It is not easy to gather the reins of office late in a season and I hereby gratefully acknowledge the wonderful help and assistance that Hec. has rendered since my appointment.

I appreciate also the friendliness and comradeship of our Committee and I realise that, under the guidance of our worthy President, Harry Dyke, they have completed a tremendous amount of work for the betterment of our Club. I thank them for their loyal support and co-operation and trust that the Tigers may have their efficient services for many years in the future.

To the players and the training room staff I offer my thanks for the warm and friendly welcome to Tigerland with the conviction that such harmony is one of the traditions of the Richmond Club and will always remain so.

In conclusion, I can assure members that our combined efforts will leave nothing undone in an endeavour to bring the Olympic Premiership to Tigerland in 1956.

BILL TYMMS, Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S ADDENDUM

The performances of our team during the 1955 season were disappointing. After finishing well up the ladder, in fifth place, in 1954 and with the inclusion of many young players, we naturally expected to go higher again in 1955. During the practice games, it was thought by spectators, we had the best recruits seen for many years at Richmond. Unfortunately, when it came to playing in the actual inter-club games, we did not seem to be able to get all players playing well in the same match. Some of the more seasoned players had a very poor year—these players, I know were trying to regain the form which had won them renown in 1954—but it just did not happen during the season.

With the return of Frank Dunin and Ron McDonald, we now have two of the best big men in League football. Frank Dunin's performance this year will cause our many members to believe in this lad, we have a prospective champion. Ron McDonald we tried a number of times as full forward; while his leading out and marking were splendid, his kicking was astray. During the season there was a lot of experimenting in positions, and it was only in the second round of the matches that players showed the form which was expected and we won seven out of our last eight matches.

It was a very disappointing season for players, committee and, I know, the supporters, but I feel we can look forward to season 1956 with a lot of confidence.

With the retirement of Mr. Maurie Fleming, we carried on for part of the season with Mr. H. Lingwood-Smith, who once again came to our assistance, and carried on as Honorary Secretary. In the second half of the season, we called for applications for the position of Secretary. After interviewing a large number of applicants, the Committee appointed Mr. W. Tymms, who had been a player for Melbourne for ten seasons and an Interstate player for a number of years. Mr. Tymms has a first-class knowledge of football and is now beginning to fit into the Club, as we expected he would.

I would like to remind members that Mr. Fleming is still away overseas, and I believe is just beginning to feel the benefit of his retirement from football. We can be sure when Maurie returns to Australia, he will be round the Club as of old and will give all the assistance possible to the Club.

The Committee worked very hard during the season and once again did not have the success their work entitled them to expect.

I would like to thank the Committee, Players and Staff for the manner in which they supported me during this term.

HARRY DYKE, President.

ANNUAL TROPHIES, SEASON 1955

For	Donor	Won by
Best and Fairest	Mr. Eli Phillips and Marchants Pty. Ltd.	Des Rowe
2nd Best and Fairest	Mr. H. L. Roberts	Ray Poulter
3rd Best and Fairest	Mr. Ray Dunn	Alan Cations
Most Improved	Senator P. J. Kennelly	Frank Dunin
Most Reliable	Mr. Johnnie Smith	Tom Hafey
Most Determined	Mr. Bill Pitt	Ron Branton
Consistent Play	Mr. Frank O'Brien	Geoff Spring
Most Unselfish	Senator J. Sheehan	Jim Deane
Useful Play	Mr. Les Goring	Havel Rowe
Best First Year Player (W. Cosgrove Memorial Trophy)	Mr. Harry Dyke	Ron McDonald
Best Clubman	Mr. Dave Stewart	John Ritchie
Richmond News Trophy	Richmond News	Des Rowe
Best Player 2nd 18	The J. D. Langdon Trophy	Herb Sawatzky
Best Player 3rd 18	The J. J. Smith Trophy	Bill Hall

A special trophy donated by Mr. George Graves has been allocated to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Best and Fairest Players.

GOALS KICKED BY PRESENT-DAY PLAYERS

Player	Total		Player	Total	
	Season with	Club		Season with	Club
Branton, R.	28	83	Cox, G.	2	15
Poulter, R.	49	320	Morcom, S.	—	2
Wright, R.	15	92	Betson, K.	—	2
Walton, J.	—	15	Cations, A.	—	8
Deane, J.	5	17	Rowe, D.	—	23
Spring, G.	6	62	Nix, J.	4	17
Rowe, H.	2	42	Dunin, F.	10	19
Bradley, K.	—	10	Hafey, T.	1	9
Davie, B.	2	27	Dillon, K.	—	4
Dummett, R.	32	39	Ritchie, J.	—	2
Cooke, A.	3	53	Ryan, F.	—	2
Hall, R.	2	6	Sharp, L.	2	6
McDonald, R.	22	22	Davies, N.	1	1
Claxton, J.	2	2	Robson, J.	4	4
Allsopp, R.	2	2	Jenkins, J.	1	1
Morris, P.	6	6			
			Total	201	913

DONATIONS TO CLUB FUNDS, SEASON 1955

Mr. Harry Dyke	£200 0 0	Mr. Percy Mitchell	5 5 0
Mr. Johnnie Smith	25 0 0	McPhersons Ltd.	5 5 0
Mr. Ron Garraway	25 0 0	Messrs. S. & H. Cusworth	5 5 0
Mr. J. S. Macdermott	20 0 0	Mr. J. H. Devine	5 5 0
Mr. Gordon Hoadley	15 0 0	Mr. Ray Steele	5 5 0
Mr. Donald Don	10 10 0	Mr. Alex L. Tait	5 5 0
Mr. Eli Phillips	10 10 0	Mr. Maurice Aarons	5 5 0
Alexander's Clothing Stores Pty. Ltd.	10 10 0	Messrs. W. H. and E. M. Walker	5 5 0
Richmond Chronicle	10 10 0	Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Taylor	5 5 0
Geo. Dobie & Son Aust. Ltd.	10 10 0	Mr. W. J. King	5 5 0
Dimmey's Model Stores Pty. Ltd.	10 10 0	Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Fleming	5 0 0
Mr. George Provan	10 10 0	Mr. Wally Fehmel	5 0 0
D. C. Tait & Co.	10 10 0	Mr. George Rouse	5 0 0
Messrs. Bert and Peter Maddern	10 10 0	Mr. Robert Ellis	5 0 0
Marchants Pty. Ltd.	10 0 0	Mr. J. Carroll	5 0 0
Mr. Arthur Dummett	10 0 0	Mr. Les Gibson	5 0 0
Mr. Ernest Grey	10 0 0	Mr. Joe Pettinato	5 0 0
Mr. Theo Lewis	10 0 0	Mr. H. Maroney	5 0 0
Mr. W. Henderson (Sydney)	10 0 0	Mr. Tom Coles	5 0 0
Mr. R. A. Knapp	10 0 0	Mr. Fred Bunny	5 0 0
Mr. George Graves	10 0 0	Mr. Len Goodman	5 0 0
Mr. Les Sinclair	8 0 0	Mr. W. Francis	5 0 0
Mr. D. L. Stewart	7 7 0	Mr. George Chapman	5 0 0
Mr. H. Stribling (Lorne)	7 7 0	Mr. R. L. Beatty	5 0 0
Mr. F. Pembroke	6 10 0	Mr. Alan W. Steele	4 4 0
Mr. W. A. Archer	6 6 0	Mr. Mick Kanis	3 10 0
Mr. Peter Read	5 5 0	Mr. A. Holzer	3 3 0
Mr. Syd McRae	5 5 0	Mr. B. L. Robertson	3 3 0
Mr. J. Jens and Associates	5 5 0	McFarlane & Burns Pty. Ltd.	3 3 0
Mr. George Hook	5 5 0	Kiwi Polish Co. Pty. Ltd.	3 3 0
Mr. F. W. Treganowan	5 5 0	Valco Engineering Co. Pty. Ltd.	3 3 0
Tilbury & Lewis Pty. Ltd.	5 5 0	J. Hubball Pty. Ltd.	3 3 0
Bryant & May Pty. Ltd.	5 5 0	L. Arthur Pty. Ltd.	3 3 0
Mr. W. B. (Bill) Palmer	5 5 0	Wm. Horsfall Pty. Ltd.	3 3 0
Mr. W. G. Pitt	5 5 0	Mr. R. Lean, J.P.	3 3 0
Cr. Maurice Nathan	5 5 0	Mr. Thomas Corns	3 3 0
Mr. Norman Eyre	5 5 0	Mr. C. E. Boyles	3 3 0
Mrs. I. A. Mulcahy	5 5 0	Mr. Bert Angus	3 3 0
Mrs. R. McDougall	5 5 0	Mr. H. H. Haslem	3 3 0
Mr. Terry Dwyer	5 5 0	Mr. Clarrie Robertson	3 3 0
		Mr. W. T. Nutt, J.P.	3 3 0

Mr. Ernest Kirton ..	3	3	0	Mr. Fred Chatto ..	2	2	0
Mr. Stanley J. Steele	3	3	0	Mr. R. J. Lory ..	2	2	0
Mr. George Caldis (Benalla) ..	3	3	0	Hon. A. S. Drake- ford, M.H.R. ..	2	2	0
Mr. Ernest H. King ..	3	3	0	Cr. Jim Bolger ..	2	2	0
Mr. Lawson Muir ..	3	0	0	Mr. James Cook ..	2	2	0
Mr. Ron Board ..	3	0	0	Hon. M. Sheehy, M.L.C. ..	2	2	0
Mr. A. M. McMillan	2	10	0	Hon. T. D'Alton M.L.C. (Tas.) ..	2	2	0
George Pizzey & Son Ltd. ..	2	10	0	Mr. Alan Murray ..	2	2	0
Mayne Nickless Ltd.	2	10	0	Mr. Frank Power ..	2	2	0
Hon. F. Scully, M.P.	2	2	0	Mr. G. G. Blackstock	2	2	0
Tas Pickett Pty. Ltd.	2	2	0	Sir Frank Beaure- paire ..	2	2	0
J. McIlwraith Ltd. ..	2	2	0	Mr. F. C. Pittard ..	2	2	0
Pelaco Ltd. ..	2	2	0	Mr. S. M. Keon, M.H.R. ..	2	2	0
The J. R. Watkins Co. ..	2	2	0	Mr. D. H. Prince ..	2	2	0
Oliver J. Nilsen Pty. Ltd. ..	2	2	0	Mr. E. W. Cooke ..	2	2	0
Preservene Pty. Ltd.	2	2	0	Master Tony Steele ..	2	2	0
Relova Redressing Laundry Pty. Ltd.	2	2	0	Mr. Jack Baggott ..	2	2	0
Richmond Dry Clean- ers Pty. Ltd. ..	2	2	0	Mr. E. G. Hagger ..	2	2	0
Kornie Food Co. Pty. Ltd. ..	2	2	0	Mr. W. Moran ..	2	2	0
J. Murray More Pty. Ltd. ..	2	2	0	Mr. T. V. Bunn ..	2	2	0
London Stores Pty. Ltd. ..	2	2	0	Mr. Charles Stuckey	2	2	0
Carlton & United Breweries Ltd. ..	2	2	0	Mr. John P. Buckley ..	2	2	0
Apex Motors Pty. Ltd.	2	2	0	Mr. S. Rubenstein ..	2	2	0
Victoria Fibrous Plas- ter Manufacturers ..	2	2	0	Mr. Ted Wreland ..	2	2	0
Howard Jackett & Co. Pty. Ltd. ..	2	2	0	Mr. Arthur E. Fayle	2	2	0
E. B. May Pty. Ltd. ..	2	2	0	Mr. W. McKie ..	2	0	0
G. J. Coles & Co. Pty. Ltd. ..	2	2	0	Mr. Douglas Elliott ..	2	0	0
J. Sutherland & Sons	2	2	0	Mr. Eric James ..	2	0	0
H. A. Rogers Pty. Ltd. ..	2	2	0	Cremorne Collar Co. Pty. Ltd. ..	2	0	0
R. Werner & Co. Pty Ltd. ..	2	2	0	United Transport Co. Pty. Ltd. ..	1	11	6
Mr. J. McAdam ..	2	2	0	Brother Leo Hughes	1	10	0
Mr. John (R. V.) Al- lison ..	2	2	0	Mr. C. G. Cox ..	1	10	0
Mr. R. G. Stewart ..	2	2	0	Compressed Cork Sheet Co. Ltd. ..	1	10	0
Mr. Len Jewson ..	2	2	0	Herbert Adams Pty. Ltd. ..	1	5	0
Mr. W. Fowler ..	2	2	0	Mr. Keith Cochrane	1	1	0
				Senator C. W. Sand- ford ..	1	1	0
				"Anonymous" ..	1	1	0
				Mrs. M. Maguire ..	1	0	0
				Queenstown Football Club ..	1	0	0

Total £890 12 6

RESULTS OF MATCHES, SEASON 1955

Date	Richmond versus	Result	Rich. Score			Oppon. Score		
			G.	B.	Pts.	G.	B.	Pts.
April 16	Essendon ..	Lost	9	23	77	13	16	94
" 23	Footscray ..	Lost	12	9	81	16	16	112
" 30	Geelong ..	Lost	9	11	65	15	13	103
May 7	Sth. Melbourne ..	Won	15	20	110	7	10	52
" 14	Fitzroy ..	Lost	11	11	77	15	9	99
" 21	Nth. Melbourne ..	Lost	7	10	52	10	14	74
" 28	St. Kilda ..	Won	17	20	122	7	14	56
June 4	Hawthorn ..	Lost	8	12	60	9	8	62
" 13	Melbourne ..	Lost	11	12	78	13	16	94
" 25	Collingwood ..	Lost	6	12	48	14	14	98
July 2	Carlton ..	Won	14	12	96	7	7	49
" 9	Essendon ..	Lost	5	20	50	14	7	91
" 16	Footscray ..	Won	8	9	57	6	12	48
" 23	Geelong ..	Won	14	16	100	14	13	97
" 30	Sth. Melbourne ..	Won	13	16	94	14	9	93
Aug. 6	Fitzroy ..	Won	11	9	75	6	17	53
" 13	Nth. Melbourne ..	Won	12	20	92	10	9	69
" 20	St. Kilda ..	Won	19	23	137	6	7	43

Summary: Matches Played 18; Won 9, Lost 9.

Position on Premiership List: Sixth.

FIVE, TEN, FIFTEEN-YEAR PLAYERS

Fifteen Years:

1923—H. James. 1924—V. Thorp (16 years). 1939—P. Bentley (16 years). 1940—J. Titus (18 years). 1945—J. Dyer (19 years).

Ten Years:

1919—B. V. Herbert, P. Maybury, S. Reeves. 1921—C. H. Hall. 1923—F. V. Hughes. 1924—F. Harley. 1926—J. Smith, D. Don. 1934—A. Geddes, B. McCormack, T. O'Halloran. 1936—J. Murdoch. 1939—K. O'Neill, M. Bolger. 1940—R. Martin. 1943—R. Harris, J. Symons. 1944—G. Smeaton. 1947—C. Priestley. 1949—L. Merrett, W. Perkins. 1951—F. Burge, J. W. Morris, W. M. Oppy. 1953—W. Wilson. 1955—R. Poulter, D. Rowe, R. Wright.

Five Years:

1913—E. Ohlsen, W. Mahoney, R. Bowden, G. Gibson. 1914—F. McCashney, F. Love. 1916—D. J. Moffatt. 1918—A. J. Bettles, R. T. Hede. 1919—H. Alessio, L. Burke, A. Danks, E. Keggins, W. Thomas. 1920—G. Bayliss. 1921—M. Hislop, R. Weatherill. 1923—G. Weatherill. 1924—F. Huggard, J. Karthaus, N. McIntosh, D. Minogue, E. Taylor. 1925—M. Morris. 1926—D. Hayes. 1927—A. McIsaac, G. Rudolph. 1929—D. Lynch. 1930—R. Empey, D. Harris, H. Weidner, K. Millar. 1931—J. Baggott, C. Watson. 1932—W. Benton, B. Foster, S. Judkins. 1933—M. Hunter, M. Sheahan. 1934—E. Zschech. 1935—G. and D. Strang. 1938—D. Guinane, R. Chergwin. 1939—J. Cotter. 1940—I. Hull, N. Dickson. 1941—J. Crane, M. O'Connell. 1942—B. Edwards. 1943—L. Ablett, R. Bawden, J. Scott. 1944—B. Waldron. 1945—L. Maguire, B. Randall, L. Smith. 1946—A. McDonald, W. Russell, R. Steele, J. Sullivan. 1947—F. Bourke, R. Durham, A. Mooney. 1948—F. Cook, L. Jones. 1949—D. Fraser, R. Wiggins. 1950—K. Albiston, R. Stokes. 1951—M. Currie, K. Roberts. 1952—H. Rowe, G. Spring. 1953—A. Cooke, K. Dillon, J. Nix, J. O'Rourke. 1954—B. Boland. 1955—J. Ritchie, F. Ryan.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBER

His Excellency the Governor of Victoria
General Sir Dallas Brooks, KCB, KCMG, DSO, KStJ, KCVO.

LIFE MEMBERS

The Club's Life Membership list is as follows:—

1905—McNair, A.	1940—Dyer, J.
1915—James, J. H.	Martin, R.
1916—Lohse, W. H.	1941—Callander, C.
1917—Maybury, P. H.	Daws, A. H.
1919—Reeves, S. W.	1942—Fleming, J. M.
1920—Hall, C. H.	Turner, C. E.
1921—Aarons, A.	1943—Harris, R.
1922—Bettles, A. J.	Symons, J.
1923—Hughes, F. V.	1944—Langdon, P. C.
1924—Harley, F.	Smeaton, G.
1926—Don, D.	1945—Jones, J. H.
Smith, J.	1946—Davall, R.
1927—Dyke, H.	Dunn, R. H.
Taylor, E.	1947—Kennelly, P. J.
1928—Hayes, D.	Priestley, C.
1929—Gosch, W. H.	1948—Joyce, J.
1930—Higginbotham, W. J.	Quinn, W. A.
1931—Page, P.	1949—Merrett, L.
1932—Baker, W.	Perkins, W.
1933—Cox, H.	1950—Goring, L. J.
1934—Bentley, P.	Sheehan, J. M.
Geddes, A.	1951—Burge, F.
O'Halloran, T.	Morris, J. W.
McCormack, B.	Oppy, W. M.
1935—O'Brien, F.	1952—Sinclair, L.
Titus, J.	Grogan, Dr. P. L.
1937—Murdoch, J.	1953—Booth, I.
1938—Hunter, M.	Wilson, W.
Sheahan, M. E.	1954—Knapp, R.
1939—Bolger, M.	Stanbrough, W.
O'Neill, K.	1955—Poulter, R.
	Rowe, D.
	Wright, R.

RESULT OF MATCHES PLAYED BY RICHMOND SINCE JOINING THE VICTORIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE IN 1908

Against	Won	Lost	Tied	Played
Carlton	39	60	—	99
Collingwood	40	57	1	98
Essendon	41	46	2	89
Fitzroy	47	45	—	92
Footscray	35	17	1	53
Geelong	50	35	2	87
Hawthorn	43	10	—	53
Melbourne	47	34	2	83
North Melbourne	36	14	—	50
South Melbourne	43	43	1	87
St. Kilda	57	20	—	77
	478	381	9	868

PLAYERS IN PREMIERSHIP MATCHES

Player	First Played	Matches 1955	Total Matches Played
Allsopp, R.	1955	4	4
Betson, K.	1952	8	40
Bloodworth, R.	1955	1	1
Branton, R.	1953	17	52
Cations, A.	1952	18	63
Claxton, J.	1955	3	3
Cooke, A.	1949	15	91
Cox, G.	1952	6	28
Cox, L.	1954	4	5
Davie, B.	1953	17	45
Davies, N.	1955	2	2
Deane, J.	1954	18	33
Dillon, K.	1949	9	88
Dummett, R.	1954	8	15
Dunin, F.	1953	15	23
Flanagan, C.	1955	1	1
Gorwell, J.	1955	8	8
Hafey, T.	1953	14	30
Hall, R.	1953	11	25
Jenkins, J.	1955	4	4
Morcom, S.	1952	3	17
Morris, P.	1955	6	6
McDonald, R.	1955	15	15
McGown, K.	1954	8	9
Nix, J.	1949	17	87
Poulter, R.	1946	16	151
Ritchie, J.	1951	7	37
Robson, J.	1955	5	5
Rowe, D.	1946	17	140
Rowe, H.	1948	13	100
Ryan, F.	1951	5	40
Sawatzky, E.	1954	2	5
Sharp, L.	1954	6	14
Slater, F.	1953	7	19
Spring, G.	1948	18	144
Walton, J.	1954	4	20
Wright, R.	1946	17	142

Thirty-seven players, including ten first-year players with the Club, participated in premierships matches during the 1955 season.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCES

General Committee (17 meetings): H. J. Dyke 17, H. Lingwood-Smith (appointed Honorary Secretary 14/2/55) 16, W. A. Quinn 14, M. J. Bolger 17, R. H. Dunn 14, P. J. Kennelly 12, M. Oppy (appointed 21/2/55) 9, W. G. Pitt 16, J. M. Sheehan 9, L. J. Goring 14, C. E. Priestley 16, J. Titus 14, P. Rowe (resigned 23/5/55) 6, B. McCormack (appointed 6/6/55) 9, J. M. Fleming (resigned 14/2/55) 1, F. E. O'Brien (resigned 14/2/55) 1, W. J. Tymms (appointed Secretary 15/8/55) 3, P. C. Langdon (ill, leave of absence), L. J. Sinclair (proxy) 12, C. Callander (proxy) 16; **Players' Representatives** (9 meetings): R. Wright 9, D. Rowe 6, A. Cooke 7; **R.C.C. Representative** D. Goodson 17; **Second Eighteen Representative**, J. Joyce 15; **Proxy Delegate**, J. Phelan 1.

Finance and Executive Meetings (9 meetings held): R. H. Dunn 9, H. J. Dyke 9, H. Lingwood-Smith 8, M. J. Bolger 9, W. G. Pitt 9, W. A. Quinn 9, W. J. Tymms 2.

Selection Committee (22 meetings held): J. Titus 22, C. E. Priestley 22, A. Pannam 22, D. Rowe 19, H. J. Dyke (resigned 13/6/55) 12, B. McCormack (appointed 14/6/55) 10.

CLUB OFFICIALS AND ACHIEVEMENTS SINCE ADMISSION TO LEAGUE

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Year	President	Secretary	Treasurer	Captain	Highest Goal Kicker	For Gls. Bhd.s.			Against Gls. Bhd.s.			Position
1908	G. H. Bennett, M.L.A.	A. Manzie	A. McNair	C. Pannam	W. Bourke (24)	128	172	-	178	207	-	Ninth
1909	F. G. Tudor, M.H.R.	"	"	R. Condon	W. Bourke (20)	112	153	-	179	209	-	Eighth
1910	"	"	"	J. Lawson	M. Maguire (20)	127	175	-	121	186	-	Seventh
1911	"	"	"	W. Schmidt	M. Maguire (29)	122	199	-	138	193	-	Eighth
1912	"	G. P. Beachcroft	J. Macdermott	L. Incigneri	E. Keggin (24)	115	173	-	184	229	-	Ninth
1913	"	W. H. Lohse	J. H. Archer	E. Ohlsen	P. Martyn (32)	143	176	-	150	190	-	Seventh
1914	"	"	"	H. James	C. Hall (32)	143	226	-	143	219	-	Eighth
1915	"	"	"	W. Thomas	C. Hall (25)	126	150	-	158	216	-	Sixth
1916	"	"	"	"	P. Martyn (22)	120	139	-	131	170	-	Fourth
1917	"	W. A. Maybury	"	P. H. Maybury	C. Fehring (14)	104	138	-	127	192	-	Sixth
1918	"	"	"	C. H. Hall	D. Don (19)	96	176	-	117	155	-	Sixth
1919	A. Wood	"	"	W. Thomas	D. Don (31)	172	251	-	148	210	-	Runners-up
1920	"	"	"	D. T. Minogue	G. Bayliss (63)	202	223	-	143	154	-	Premiers
1921	"	"	A. Aarons	"	G. Bayliss (53)	188	222	-	149	226	-	Premiers
1922	"	"	"	"	G. Bayliss (32)	146	163	-	154	204	-	Fifth
1923	"	"	"	"	D. Fraser (18)	121	180	-	156	202	-	Eighth
1924	J. H. Archer	Perc. Page	"	"	M. Morris (44)	172	259	-	169	222	-	Runners-up
1925	"	"	J. D. Langdon	"	M. Morris (25)	132	189	-	158	183	-	Seventh
1926	"	"	"	M. Morris	D. Lynch (31)	186	261	-	214	211	-	Seventh
1927	"	"	"	A. Geddes	J. Baggott (37)	218	270	-	164	219	-	Runners-up
1928	"	"	"	"	J. Baggott (61)	253	303	-	195	218	-	Runners-up
1929	"	"	"	C. Lilburne	J. Titus (54)	277	311	-	235	220	-	Runners-up
1930	"	"	"	A. Geddes	J. Titus (50)	214	257	-	175	207	-	Fourth
1931	"	"	"	M. Hunter	D. Strang (68)	247	292	-	174	243	-	Runners-up
1932	B. V. Herbert	J. J. Smith	"	P. Bentley	D. Strang (49)	242	290	-	174	244	-	Premiers
1933	"	"	"	"	D. Strang (51)	281	249	-	206	241	-	Runners-up
1934	"	"	"	"	J. Titus (80)	266	284	-	206	235	-	Premiers
1935	"	"	"	"	J. Titus (83)	253	245	-	215	247	-	Third
1936	H. L. Roberts	"	"	"	J. Titus (83)	239	239	-	225	200	-	Fifth
1937	"	"	G. B. Smith	"	J. Titus (65)	244	252	-	225	207	-	Fourth
1938	"	"	C. E. Turner	"	J. Titus (72)	253	229	-	219	249	-	Sixth
1939	B. V. Herbert	M. E. Sheahan	"	"	J. Titus (48)	245	316	-	220	221	-	Fourth
1940	H. J. Dyke	J. M. Fleming	"	"	J. Titus (100)	285	252	-	238	269	-	Runners-up
1941	"	"	"	J. Dyer	J. Titus (87)	255	265	-	227	242	-	Fourth
1942	"	"	"	"	J. Titus (67)	278	267	-	213	232	-	Runners-up
1943	"	"	"	"	R. Harris (63)	234	274	-	198	214	-	Premiers
1944	"	"	"	"	R. Harris (63)	305	285	-	236	256	-	Runners-up
1945	"	"	"	"	F. Burge (55)	254	278	-	249	248	-	Seventh
1946	"	"	"	"	A. Mooney (49)	275	271	-	234	255	-	Fifth
1947	"	"	J. J. Smith	"	J. Dyer (46)	254	276	-	238	257	-	Fourth
1948	"	"	"	"	J. Dyer (64)	275	245	-	208	261	-	Fifth
1949	"	"	& W. A. Quinn	"	R. Poulter (51)	246	257	-	207	241	-	Sixth
1950	"	"	W. A. Quinn	W. Morris	R. Poulter (56)	214	222	-	208	228	-	Sixth
1951	"	"	"	"	J. O'Rourke (58)	222	219	-	183	229	-	Sixth
1952	"	& H. Lingwood-Smith	"	D. Rowe	J. O'Rourke (43)	182	187	-	191	236	-	Ninth
1953	"	J. M. Fleming	"	"	R. Branton (22)	170	200	-	213	223	-	Tenth
1954	"	"	"	"	R. Branton (33)	210	243	-	184	206	-	Fifth
1955	"	H. Lingwood-Smith & W. Tymms	"	"	R. Poulter (49)	201	265	-	196	206	-	Sixth

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